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SUBJECT: EARLE/SEменов PRIVATE MEETING DECEMBER 12, 1977
(SALT TWO - 1545)
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1. JOINT PRINCIPLES: AT DECEMBER 12 PRIVATE MEETING I GAVE SEMENOV REVISED LANGUAGE FOR JOINT STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES AND GUIDELINES COMBINING APPROACHES OF SIDES TO QUESTIONS OF STABILITY AND VERIFICATION (TEXTS IN REFTEL). SEMENOV SAID HE WOULD CONSIDER PROPOSALS, THEN CRITICIZED US APPROACH TO THIRD SECTION OF JOINT STATEMENT AS PREDETERMINING OUTCOME OF FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS. HE NOTED THAT QUALITATIVE LIMITS INCLUDING THOSE ON MODERNIZATION COULD BE CONSIDERED IN SALTTHREE. IN DISCUSSING SPECIFIC US PROPOSALS, SEMENOV SAW SOME OVERLAP WITH SOVIET APPROACH IN FOURTH US PROPOSED PRINCIPLE (RESTRICTIONS ON ICBMS), AND THOUGHT THAT FIFTH PRINCIPLE (FLIGHT TEST LIMITS) MIGHT BE SUBJECT FOR FUTURE BUT WOULD PREDETERMINE ISSUE IF SPECIFIED NOW. ON US SIXTH PROPOSED PRINCIPLE (RESTRICTIONS ON DEFENSES), SEMENOV SAID CIVIL AND AIR DEFENSES COULD NOT RPT NOT BE DISCUSSED IN SALT NOW OR LATER
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- THIS POSITION WAS FIRM.

2. NEW TYPES BAN: SEMENOV CITED SOVIET NEW TYPES BAN IN PROTOCOL ARTICLE II AS POSSIBLE ACHIEVEMENT FOR SALT TWO. I REMINDED SEMENOV OF STRONG US VIEWS ON ICBM NEW TYPES BAN. I ADDED THAT US PREFERRED TO PROHIBIT NEW SLBM TYPES (AS DEFINED IN US AGREED STATEMENT) EXCEPT TRIDENT

C-4 AND SS-X-18; HOWEVER, US PREFERRED NO LIMITS ON NEW TYPES OF SLBMS TO SOVIET PROPOSAL TO EXEMPT TYPHOON SLBM.

3. NON-CIRCUMVENTION/NON-TRANSFER: SEMENOV STRESSED IMPORTANCE IN PRINCIPLE OF NON-CIRCUMVENTION/NON-TRANSFER ISSUE, SAYING THERE COULD BE NO TREATY WITHOUT RESOLUTION OF THIS ISSUE. HE CITED SOVIET MOVE COMBINING ARTICLES XII AND XIII, AND SAID US SHOULD NOW MAKE CONSTRUCTIVE CHANGE. I SAID I THOUGHT IT WAS SOVIET TURN TO MOVE, NOT US; SOVIET PROPOSAL HAD BEEN ON TABLE FOR YEARS. ALTHOUGH US HAD NOT CONSIDERED NON-CIRCUMVENTION PROVISION NECESSARY, WE HAD PROPOSED ONE THIS YEAR TO MEET SOVIET CONCERNS, BUT SOVIET POSITION HAD NOT CHANGED IN SUBSTANCE SINCE THAT TIME. EARLE

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